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SUBJECT: CCD -- SWEDISH PROPOSAL ON INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC COOPERATION

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1. DEPARTMENT, IN PREPARATION FOR INFORMAL CCD MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON CTB SCHEDULED TO BEGIN APRIL 20, IS CURRENTLY STUDYING PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN SWEDISH WORKING PAPER FOR ESTABLISHING INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEISMIC MONITORING OF CTB. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT PRELIMINARY USG VIEWS ON SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS OF SWEDISH PROPOSAL DURING INFORMAL MEETINGS.

2. INITIAL REACTION IS THAT SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR AD HOC EXPERTS' GROUP TO STUDY INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC COOPERATION IS CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT ON TEST BAN ISSUE. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A STUDY GROUP WOULD LEND SUPPORT TO US VIEW THAT SERIOUS TECHNICAL ISSUES MUST STILL BE RESOLVED BEFORE ADQUATE CONFIDENCE IN CTB VERIFICATION SYSTEM CAN BE ACHIEVED. MOREOVER, SWEDISH INITIATIVE IS CONSISTENT WITH LONGSTANDING US SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE AS MEANS OF MONITORING CTB.

3. FOR THESE REASONS, WE CAN ACCEPT SWEDISH SUGGESTION THAT AD HOC GROUP BE SET UP, AND WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND US EXPERT OR EXPERTS TO PARTICIPATE. OF COURSE, SEVERAL ELEMENTS OF SWEDISH PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC COOPERATION, AS OUTLINED IN WORKING PAPER, MIGHT GIVE US PROBLEMS (E.G., ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL BODY IN ANALYZING SEISMIC DATA). HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE US PARTICIPATION IN EXPERTS' STUDY WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT PROBLEM AREAS AND, IN GENERAL, TO PROMOTE US VIEWS ON LIMITATIONS AS WELL AS POTENTIAL UTILITY OF INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC NETWORK IN VERIFYING A CTB.

4. DEL MAY ACCORDINGLY INFORM SOVIET, SWEDISH, AND OTHER DELS THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN AD HOC EXPERTS' GROUP STUDY, INDICATING AS APPROPRIATE THAT DECISION TO PARTICIPATE DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT OF SWEDISH IDEAS CONCERNING FORM THAT INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC

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COOPERATION MIGHT TAKE. DEL SHOULD TELL SWEDES THAT US DEL, INCLUDING TEST BAN EXPERTS, WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING WEEK OF APRIL 19, TO HOLD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH SWEDISH DEL ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STUDY GROUP. SISCO

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